

Revenue Department

No 370

Enter 21-3-1859

*Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 22d March 1859.*

No. 64. Read the following letter from J. I. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Acting Civil Auditor; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Fort Saint George, 8th March 1859, No. 175.

SIR,

With reference to the explanation called for in para. 2 of Extract Minutes Consultation dated the 2d Instant, I have the honor to state that in consequence of the absence on 3 months' leave of the Assistant in charge of the Audit of the Revenue Survey and Settlement Bills, another Assistant was in addition to his own duties, directed to conduct these duties, who from the increase of business, and from not being thoroughly conversant with all the orders of Government, connected with the new duties overlooked the excess drawn by Mr. Cooper, in August and September.

2. When the bill for October was received the permanent Assistant had returned from leave, and observed the increase; but being unwilling to make a retrenchment when there might be authority for the increase, passed the amount and contented himself by making a note at the foot of the bill, (which appears to be the practice observed in this office) calling on Captain Hessey, for an explanation and for authority for drawing the increased rate of allowances.

3. This note appears to have been overlooked by Captain Hessey, and when the abstract for November was received the amount was admitted again for the same reason, especially as it had been passed by the Superintendent Captain Priestley.

4. A letter was this time addressed to Captain Hessey, to the same effect as the foot note, who in reply stated, that he had not observed the note appended to the order dated 12th March 1858, framing the Revenue Survey Establishment, that the pay of the Head Surveyors for the 1st year was to be at the rate of 50 Rupees per mensem.

5. When therefore it was discovered that there was no authority for the higher rate of salary drawn, and which had been under the circumstances above mentioned admitted for 4 months, it became necessary to issue a retrenchment, hence a retrenchment of Rupees 5 per mensem for 4 months was issued.

6. In conclusion I beg to state that the system of pre-audit prevails in all the Departments as regards the salaries and establishments, the monthly Post Audit prevails with regard to pensions and contingent charges.

No. 65. ORDER THEREON, No. 370; dated 21st March 1859.

The explanation given by the Acting Civil Auditor of the failure for five months to correct an overpayment of salary is not satisfactory; and the Governor in Council trusts that more care will be exercised for the future.

2. Mr. Lushington will explain under what rule the practice has been adopted of passing an overcharge, merely appending a note asking for explanation.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

*Secretary to Government.*

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation  
Under date the 21<sup>st</sup> March 1859.

Read the following  
letter from the Acting  
Civil Auditor.

Here enters 8<sup>th</sup> March 1859  
No 1751

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*[Signature]*

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